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SUBJ: GOT VIEW OF CURRENT STATE OF PLAY ON CYPRUS

1. DCM CONTACTED EKREM GUVENDIREN, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GREEK/CYPRUS AFFAIRS, THIS MORNING (JANUARY 8) TO INQUIRE AS TO CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN PROCESS OF GETTING INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED. GUVENDIREN REPORTED THAT THERE WERE "TENTATIVE CONTACTS" TAKING PLACE ON THE ISLAND BETWEEN THE UN SYG'S REPRESENTATIVE AND THE TWO COMMUNITY LEADERS. GUVENDIREN SAID HE BELIEVED THE QUESTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TALKS WAS ON THE WAY TO RESOLUTION. HE ADDED, "I THINK WE WILL BE ABLE TO CLEAR UP THE MESS MAKARIOS CREATED."

2. GUVENDIREN SAID REMAINING QUESTIONS WERE OF VENUE AND DATE. ON THE DATE, HE SAID IT NOW APPEARED THE TALKS WOULD START IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

3. ON VENUE, GUVENDIREN SAID THE PROBLEM WAS MORE DIFFICULT. DENKTASH DID NOT WANT TO GO TO NEW YORK AND GOT SUPPORTED HIM IN THIS VIEW. GOT, GUVENDIREN SAID, HAD NOTHING AGAINST WALDHEIM BUT THEY DID NOT
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LIKE THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND UN HEADQUARTERS. DCM

EXPRESSED THE HOPE, A HOPE SHARED BY THE AMBASSADOR, THAT COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS COULD BE ACHIEVED BY THE TIME OF THE ARRIVAL OF CODEL MORGAN IN ANKARA.

4. GUVENDIREN SAID THIS WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. DENKTASH HAD STRONG VIEWS ABOUT THE VENUE OF THE MEETINGS AND GOT CHOSE NOT REPEAT NOT TO PRESSURE HIM ON THIS QUESTION. GOT, ACCORDING TO GUVENDIREN, HAD ALREADY HAD TO USE CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON DENKTASH WITH REGARD TO TERMS OF REFERENCE. GOT DID NOT WISH TO EXPEND FURTHER TURKISH MAINLAND INFLUENCE ON DENKTASH OVER VENUE QUESTION BUT TO PRESERVE SUCH INFLUENCE FOR KNOTTY QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE WHEN THEY AROSE AT RESUMED TALKS. GUVENDIREN SAID HE HAD NO REPEAT NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT CAGLAYANGIL-BITSIOS AGREEMENT REACHED IN BRUSSELS WOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED AND THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WOULD RESUME IN DUE COURSE.
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